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NC Pandemic Recovery Office

Coronavirus Relief Funds Overview

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Agenda

- Office overview
- CARES Act - Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)
- NCPRO Improvements and Processes
- Collaboration with local governments – CARES Act and ARPA
- Online Transparency

Office Overview

- Established under [Session Law 2020-4 of House Bill 1043](#)
- Oversee and coordinate all COVID-19 funds administered by the Governor's Office
- Serve as the point of contact for the State's pandemic economic recovery efforts and develop a plan for NC's recovery
- Provide technical assistance and ensure coordination of federal funds received by state agencies and local governments

Path Forward for North Carolina

1. **Relief:** short-term response efforts initiated by government and other entities from March 2020 – December 2020
2. **Recovery:** medium-term response efforts initiated by government and other entities that help recover economy to January 2020 baseline
3. **Resilience:** long-term policy and response efforts initiated by government and other entities to address systemic economic challenges and ensure widely-shared prosperity for all North Carolinians

Why was CRF so challenging?

- Congress passed CARES Act on March 27, 2020 with all funds required to be expended by December 30, 2020
- NC received \$3.6 billion in funds in April 2020; SL 2020-4 became law on May 4, 2020
- NCPRO office opened with 3 employees on May 26, 2020
- US Treasury issued initial guidance for CRF on April 22 and changed it 10 times through October; Guidance and FAQs were not finalized until January 15, 2021
- CRF was appropriated over multiple bills in 2020 as effects of pandemic became known, but UST guidance continued to change

CRF Program Highlights and NCPRO Approach

Highlights:

Examples of collaboration:

- Business relief programs
 - ✓ RETOOLNC - HUB program
 - ✓ Job Retention Grant program
 - ✓ Mortgage, Utility and Rent Relief (MURR) Program
- Food relief programs
- Housing program
- Work with 97 counties

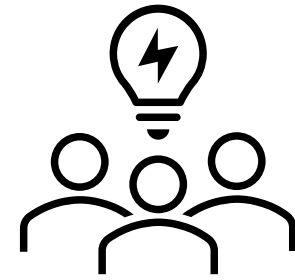
NCPRO Approach:

- Get money out quickly
- Assess risk of recipients; sign contracts with higher risk and non-governmental entities
- Provide guidance to recipients and answer questions
- Develop forms for recipients to report
- Determine where gaps may be in funding

Stakeholder Outreach

NCPRO held over 40 technical guidance and listening sessions with over 1,200 people from all 100 counties, representing:

- ✓ Education & childcare providers
- ✓ Nonprofits
- ✓ Faith communities
- ✓ Underrepresented communities
- ✓ Businesses
- ✓ Local governments
- ✓ Housing advocates



Stakeholder Outreach

The effects of the pandemic have been uneven and have highlighted inequities across all parts of North Carolina life

- **Black and Hispanic** North Carolinians have been disproportionately impacted
- **Women** have left the labor force to care for children and families
- **Food and housing** insecurity has been exacerbated
- Access to **broadband** has limited people's ability to work and learn
- People will need **re-training** to qualify for a changed job market
- **Learning loss** has affected all students, but particularly **students of color**
- **Mental health** issues are widespread
- Small businesses need **access and information** about relief programs
- **Trusted communicators** are needed to share information about programs

NCPRO Management of Funds

Funds	Federal Agency	Amount	Direct Recipients	Expenditure Date	Final Reporting Date (frequency of reports)
Coronavirus Relief Funds	US Treasury	\$3.6 billion	1. Hospitals 2. Non-profits 3. Local governments 4. State agencies	December 31, 2021	March 31, 2022 (quarterly)
Emergency Rental Assistance (Parts 1 and 2)	US Treasury	\$1.1 billion	1. State agency 2. Counties (12)	September 30, 2022 (ERA 1) September 30, 2025 (ERA 2)	December 31, 2022 (ERA 1; monthly and quarterly) December 31, 2025 (ERA 2; monthly and quarterly)
Homeowners Assistance Funds	US Treasury	\$273.3 million	State agency	September 30, 2026	TBD (quarterly and annual reports required)
Governor's Emergency Education Relief Funds (parts 1 and 2)	US Department of Education	\$138.6 million (plus unused EANS)	1. State educational entities 2. Non-profit	September 30, 2022 (part 1) September 30, 2023 (part 2)	February 1, 2024 (annual reports due each February 1)
Economic Development Administration (Tourism and Strategy)	US Department of Commerce	\$6.4 million (tourism) \$1 million (strategy)	1. State agencies 2. Non-profit	May 31, 2027 (tourism) May 1, 2024 (strategy)	September 30, 2027 (tourism) August 29, 2024 (strategy - semiannual reports due April 30 and Oct 31)
American Rescue Plan Act - State Fiscal Recovery Funds	US Treasury	\$5.4 billion	1. State agencies 2. Non-profits	December 31, 2026	June 30, 2027 (quarterly expenditure; annual plan)
American Rescue Plan Act - Capital Project Fund	US Treasury	\$273.6 million	State agency	December 31, 2026	TBD

NCPRO Processes

- NCPRO oversees and monitors federal pandemic funds in the following ways:
 - Provides technical guidance and assesses eligibility of funds
 - Risk assessments
 - Develops MOUs and/or contracts to outline requirements
 - Work with recipients to develop goals, objectives and performance measures
 - Using SAP grants management system to more effectively track monitoring efforts and reporting
 - Conducts internal audits
 - Works with other oversight agencies - SAO, OIG, NCGA - to make sure that funds are monitored appropriately
 - Reports quarterly

NCPRO Improvements

- Use DOT's SAP grants management system (also called EBS) for grants administration and monitoring
- NCPRO contracted with Berry Dunn to evaluate NCPRO's internal processes, to provide best practices research, and to provide documentation templates for grants management
- NCPRO has added staff and restructured the organization to manage multiple programs as funding shifts from relief to recovery

ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

\$3.3 billion in Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

- 100 counties receive funds directly from US Treasury
 - 26 largest cities receive funds directly from US Treasury
 - 525 smallest municipalities receive funds through NCPRO, but report to US Treasury
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- Funds are received in 2 tranches
 - Local governments have until 12/31/2024 to obligate funds and until 12/31/2026 to spend funds

ARPA Progress and Process for Locals

- Multi-step process for ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
 1. Set up account information for ARPA funds
 2. Confirm DUNS number and register with SAM.gov
 3. Provide bank account information to State of NC and confirm via email
 4. Provide budget information and get council approval
 5. Complete US Treasury documentation via DocuSign
- Process
 - 521 of 525 paid as of today
 - 0 local governments have to sign contract (step 5)
 - 0 in process of getting information set up in State of NC system (step 3)
 - 4 have not sent any information or have indicated an intention to decline the funds (steps 1 and 2) - Watha, Stonewall, Falkland, Como

Partnership



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Challenges Faced by Local Governments

- Fear of mis-spending funds and changing US Treasury guidance
- Planning needs for how to use funds
- Lack staff capacity to manage funds, particularly monitoring and procurement guidelines
- Reporting requirements can be cumbersome
- Turnover of staff and staffing shortages

Reporting Requirements by Participant Type

Recipient	Interim Report	Project and Expenditure Report	Recovery Plan Performance Report
States, U.S. territories, metropolitan cities and counties with a population that exceeds 250,000 residents	By August 31, 2021, with expenditure summary by category	By October 31, 2021, and then 30 days after the end of each quarter thereafter ⁹	By August 31, 2021, and annually thereafter by July 31 ¹⁰
Metropolitan cities and counties with a population below 250,000 residents which received more than \$5 million in SLFRF funding			Not required
Tribal Governments		By October 31, 2021, and then annually thereafter ¹¹	
Metropolitan cities and counties with a population below 250,000 residents which received less than \$5 million in SLFRF funding			
NEUs	Not required		

Source: [“Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.”](#)
UST. June 17, 2021. Version 1.0

Assistance Provided by NCPRO and Partners

- NCPRO's ARPA-specific web pages: NC.gov: American Rescue Plan Act Information and Resources
- PROtalks, a video series providing on-time guidance, tips and instruction relating to NEUs accessing and administering Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.
 - Subscribe to our YouTube channel to receive alerts when new videos are released.
- Training developed by UNC SOG and provided by partners
- Guidance and technical assistance sessions provided by all partners on demand
- Templates being developed by UNC SOG

PROtalks & Resources for Non-Entitlement Units

 <p>PROtalk: FAQs for NEUs Part:1 <small>Presented by Nate Halubka May 20, 2021</small></p> <p>PROtalk: FAQs for Non-Entitled Units/Municipalities PART 1 MAY 20, 2021 · PROTALK</p> <p>In this PROtalk, Policy Analyst Nate Halubka addresses some frequently asked questions about the pre-contracting process for non-entitlement units.</p>	 <p>PROtalk: NEUs funds timeline <small>Presented by Nate Halubka June 4, 2021</small></p> <p>PROtalk: Non-Entitlement Units (NEUs) Funding Timeline JUN 4, 2021 · PROTALK</p> <p>In this PROtalk, Policy Analyst Nate Halubka highlights ten key dates NEUs should keep in mind for accessing and administering their Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.</p>	 <p>PROtalk: Eligible Uses for Local Fiscal Recovery Funds <small>Presented By: Nate Halubka</small></p> <p>PROtalk: Eligible Uses for Local Fiscal Recovery Funds JUN 17, 2021 · PROTALK</p> <p>In this PROtalk, Policy Analyst Nate Halubka provides updates and reviews eligible expenses for Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.</p>	 <p>PROtalks: Roadmap to Recovering Lost Revenue <small>Presented by: Nate Halubka</small></p> <p>PROtalk: NEU Roadmap to Recovering Lost Revenue JUN 23, 2021 · PROTALK</p> <p>In this PROtalk, Policy Analyst Nate Halubka provides a roadmap for NEUs recovering lost revenue.</p>
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Online Transparency Efforts

NCPRO submits reports to federal and state agencies on these funds that can be found online:

<https://www.nc.gov/agencies/ncpro>

<https://www.pandemicoversight.gov/news/articles/prac-releases-coronavirus-relief-fund-data>

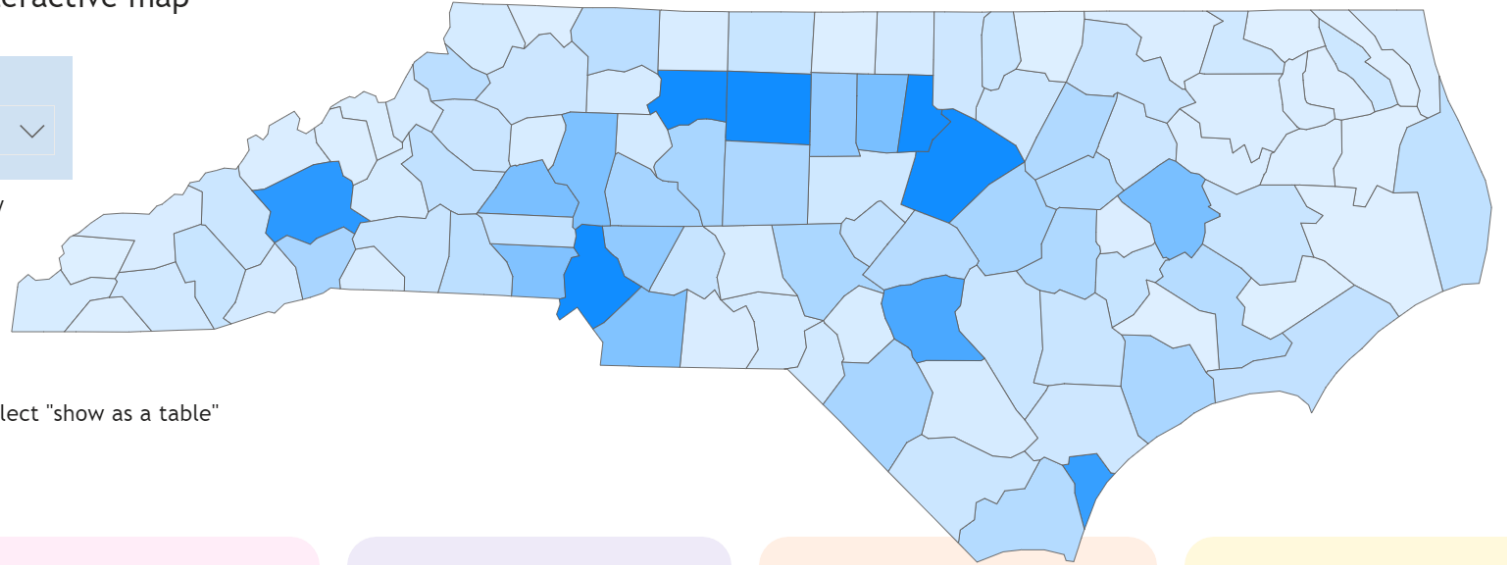
Relief Funds by County

A non-exhaustive, interactive map

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To view the full data:
Right click on the map and select "show as a table"

\$17,045,243,249

Business Aid Total

[Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\)](#), administered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Note that awards greater than \$150K are estimated based on median award amounts.

[Economic Injury Disaster Loan \(EIDL\)](#), administered by SBA. EIDL A are automatically forgiven advances.

[Job Retention Grant \(JRG\)](#), administered by NC Department of Commerce using [CRF](#).

[Disaster Recovery Loans \(DRL\)](#), administered by Golden

\$786,819,001

Local Government Total

Includes [CRF](#) allocated to counties and municipalities by NC General Assembly, as well as direct allocations from the US Treasury.

\$351,540,625

Payments to Families

Includes [Extra Credit Grants](#),

\$3,610,414,752

Education Total

Public K12 schools includes [CRF](#), [Governor's Emergency Education Relief \(GEER\) I](#), and [Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief \(ESSER\) I & II](#).

Higher education includes [CRF](#), [GEER I](#), and [Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds \(HEERF\) I & II](#).

\$2,711,342,823

Health Provider Total

Includes [CRF](#) allocated to hospitals by NC General Assembly, and [Provider Relief Funds \(PRF\)](#) distributed to providers by U.S. HHS. Providers were attributed to their corresponding counties.

Notes: Map represents \$24.1 billion out of over \$50 billion in federal COVID relief funds allocated to NC in 2020 (does not include American Rescue Plan funds). Amounts do not reflect expenditures. Of NC Pandemic Recovery Office